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SUBJ: FAROESE FOLKETING ELECTION RESULTS

1. THE RESULTS OF THE DANISH GENERAL ELECTION, HELD
IN THE FAROES MARCH 1, WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, MARCH 3. PAULI
ELLEFSEN OF THE UNION PARTY AND JOHAN NIELSEN OF THE SOCIAL DEMO-
CRATIC PARTY WERE ELECTED; THE FORMER DEPOSED ERLENDUR
PATURSSON OF THE SEPARATIST REPUBLICAN PARTY AND NIELSEN
RETAINED HIS SEAT. VOTING PARTICIPATION WAS 63.9 PERCENT
7.9 PERCENT GREATER THAN IN 1975. IN THE FUTURE, ELECTIONS
IN ALL OF DENMARK, INCLUDING GREENLAND AND THE FAROES,
WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SAME DAY.

2. THE UNION PARTY RECEIVED 5173 OF THE 16,334 VOTES
CAST, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS 3680 VOTES, AND THE
CONSERVATIVE, MODERATELY SEPARATIST PEOPLES PARTY POLLED 3661
VOTES. BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE TALLY, A RECOUNT OF THE SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC AND PEOPLES PARTY VOTE IS BEING CONDUCTED.
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY'S INCUMBENT CANDIDATE, ERLENDUR PATURSSON,
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LOST HIS SEAT WITH 3062 VOTES. DANISH
PRESS COMMENTATORS ATTRIBUTE HIS LOSS TO HIS INCLINA-
TION TO ESPOUSE SOCIALIST PROGRAMS ON THE ONE HAND
WHILE SUPPORTING THE SEPARATION OF THE FAROES FROM
DENMARK ON THE OTHER. ALL IN ALL, THE ELECTION IS
SEEN BY DANISH OBSERVERS AS A VICTORY FOR THOSE FORCES
FAVORING CONTINUED CLOSE RELATIONS WITH DENMARK.

3. SOCIAL DEMOCRAT NIELSEN WILL VOTE WITH THE SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC FOLKETING GROUP, INCREASING ITS SIZE FROM
65 TO 66 SEATS; ALTHOUGH HE INTENDS TO TAKE HIS SEAT
WITH THE LIBERAL FOLKETING GROUP, ELLEFSEN HAS
ANNOUNCED HE INTENDS TO ABSTAIN ON DOMESTIC DANISH
ISSUES. OVERALL PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONSHIPS WERE NOT
AFFECTED BY THE FAROESE VOTE.
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